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Paisley's one horse race

WHILE many Liverpool players have been galloping off in search of sunnier weather, manager Bob Paisley has been rising at dawn to take up the reins in another sporting connection.

He returned from watching England's fortunes in Italy, to take up an invitation to spend a holiday at his old pal Frankie Durr's racing stables in Newmarket.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the break from football," said Bob, under starters orders for his 42nd year at Anfield confident his team can once again finish first past the post in Division One.

And watch out you Liverpool punters, for Paisley to enter the Selling Stakes before his team dash out of the starting stalls on August 16.

Liverpool for the title . . . it's a one horse race predicts Paisley as he relaxes at a Newmarket racing stables.



JOIN OUR SWOP SHOP

I'VE got news of another great Match Weekly feature involving YOU!

It's called Swop Shop and it will give you the chance to exchange swops with other Match readers.

So if you have something you would like to swop — such as football programmes, scarves, photographs, posters or even football kit — write and tell me about it at Match Weekly Swop Shop, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

I want to know what you have to swop and what you want — and don't forget to include your name and address. I'll publish your letter in the mag.

I'll start the ball rolling this week with a swop of my own. As a Stoke City fan I would like the programme from the Stoke City v Chelsea League Cup Final at Wembley in 1972. And I'll give this year's England v Argentina programme in exchange.

The Editor

SOCCER MILESTONES

HERE are a few Football League milestones my man at the record books has unearthed for you this week . . .

Manchester United's third defeat and Arsenal's ninth will be their 1000th . . .

Newcastle's 32nd goal with be their 5,000th . . . the 26th goal Chelsea concede with be their 4,000th . . . Liverpool's 23rd point will be their 3,500th . . .

Mansfield will reach 3,000 goals with the 30th they score . . . When Oldham chalk up their fourth win it will be their 1,000 . . .

Hartlepool have seven to go before they reach 500 draws . . .

Barnsley's 22nd League game will be their 3,000th . . . Port Vale are chasing a 1,000 win target, they have 11 to go.

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Young looks to the States

ARSENAL central defender Willie Young thinks he'll end his career in the United States.

Apart from the football side of it Willie says the States is the most impressive country he's ever visited.

The way of life also appeals to him — "there is so much for everyone to do" — and he says most British First Division players will see their futures there.

● Note: Willie reveals more of his thoughts in the International Football Book No. 22 published by Souvenir Press Ltd and on sale at £3.95.

GUV by Mick



What is Stuart Boam saying to Mickey Droy?

WRITE IN AND TELL US

"WHAT have you got in your hand?"

"Have you?"

"Phew!"

That's what Newcastle skipper Stuart Boam seems to be saying to his Chelsea counterpart Mickey Droy, watched by Devon referee Lester Shapter.

But what do you think?

I'm giving away a super "Match" football to the funniest caption sent in by YOU, the reader, to arrive on my desk by first post, Friday, August 15.

Send your entries to "Matchline", Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB.



UNITED HIGHLIGHT

MANCHESTER United are holding an international five-a-side tournament as the highlight of their "Open Day" at Old Trafford on August 10.

The event involves the club's first team players representing England, Scotland and Ireland and a staff team led by manager Dave Sexton.

Organised by the Variety Club of Great Britain in aid of under-privileged children, the time table of events starts at 12 noon with static displays by Manchester's Fire Brigade and Police as well as the armed forces.

Later in the afternoon there's marching, gymnastic and Kung-Fu displays, free-fall parachuting plus skills training by United's youth team with the five-a-side as a spectacular climax.

Tickets (adults £1, schoolchildren 50p, under fives free) available by post (with stamped addressed envelope) from: Ticket Office, MUFC, Old Trafford, Manchester, or on the day from the ticket office.

Chat

by Bob Waters

Viljoen will boost Chelsea

CHELSEA fans can expect to see the best of new-signing Colin Viljoen if they get promotion this season.

For Viljoen admits that he is a better player when he's up against the top players in the game.

"If I'm lining up against a midfield player of international standard that is a challenge to me and I'll do my best to prove I'm at least his equal," Colin said.

"I need something to wind me up."

Burridge's no to rugby

JOHN Burridge's rise from the Fourth Division to become a top Division One 'keeper is all the more remarkable bearing in mind his father was always trying to get him to play Rugby League.

John was born in Workington, red-hot Rugby League country, and at school he played the town's favourite sport AND football.

In his spare moments, though, John always played football, much to the disgust of his father who kept telling him, "play a man's game".

Burley v Best

NOT many players could have had a more testing league debut than the Ipswich and Scotland right-back George Burley.

His first game in a blue shirt at the age of 17 brought him face-to-face with another G.B. — the brilliant George Best!

But Burley's confident display marked him down as an international star of the future.

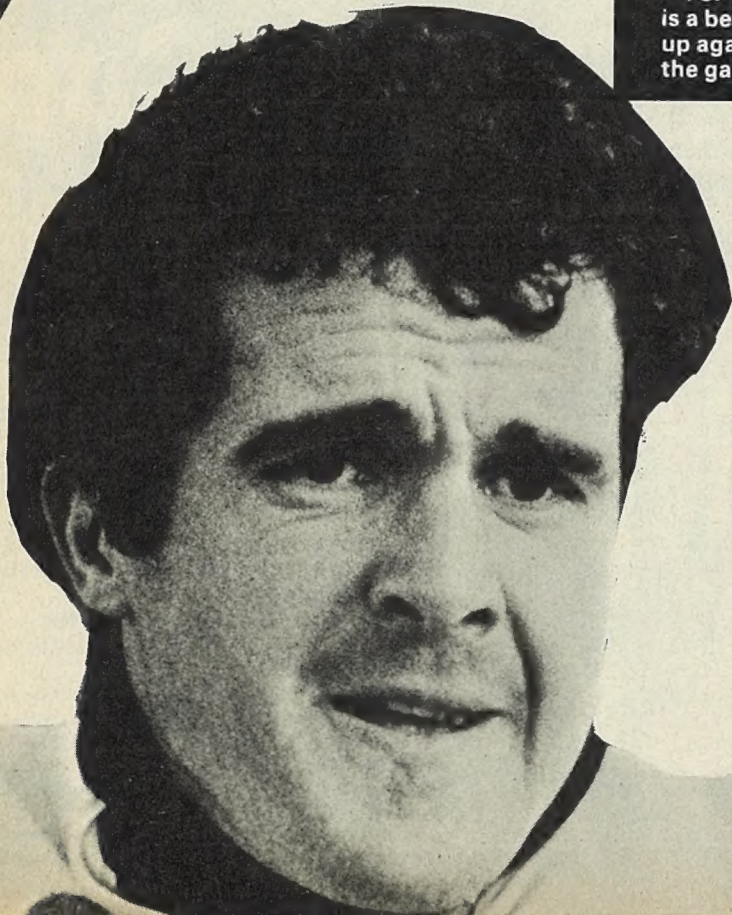
Wembley's top dog

WHICH footballer has been to Wembley more times than any other?

No it's not Kevin Keegan or any of the illustrious international stars.

That honour belongs to Peterborough winger Mick Lambert.

He's a greyhound fanatic and has seen well over 100 dog meetings at the famous stadium.





Burnley 'keepers my id

Match
Weekly discovers
the other sides
of three more
star players

Jimmy Rimmer — 'Burnley were the team for me.'

THE YOUNG Jimmy Rimmer refused to follow the majority of his school pals in Southport and support Manchester United.

"Burnley were always the team for me," he recalled. "I don't know why, perhaps it was just to be different.

"I never missed a chance to see them in the early Sixties when I used to visit my uncle who lived in the area.

"I remember they had two great goalkeepers I idolised as a kid when Burnley were Cup and League Championship contenders.

"First there was Colin McDonald, an England international who sadly broke his leg, and then Adam Blacklaw, a big

A Family at war

TERRY HIBBITT Newcastle United

FOR the Hibbitts of Bradford in the early Sixties it was a case of a family at war.

"Mum and I supported City, but Dad and my brother Kenny were always Bradford Park Avenue supporters, when they were a Fourth Division club," revealed Terry Hibbitt, now at the hub of Newcastle's promotion drive.

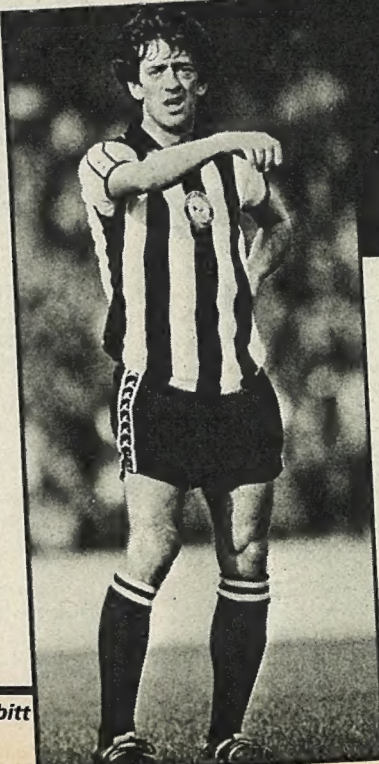
"There was always a bit of needle with both of us but we never came to blows over it."

Bradford Park Avenue, who finally were replaced in the Football League by Cambridge United in 1970, were keen to sign Terry (as were City) but he was finally persuaded to join Leeds United, by Don Revie.

"My ambitions were set higher than Bradford, but Kenny played a few games at Park Avenue before moving to Wolves," said Terry.

"I haven't seen City play for quite a while, but when I go home I still see some of the lads I used to watch them with and was very disappointed when they just missed promotion last season.

"I'll be watching their results closely this season and hoping they make it to Division Three."



Right: Terry Hibbitt

My Cup Final dilemma

GARTH CROOKS

LIKE many boys of his age, Stoke City's highly rated striker Garth Crooks followed more than one team.

So imagine his dilemma when his favourites, Chelsea and Spurs, met in the 1967 FA Cup Final.

"I was only 12 at the time and I didn't really know who to support as I watched the game on television. As Spurs had had injury problems and were the underdogs I sided with them and they won 2-1, but I've always had a soft spot for Chelsea," said Garth.

But his home town team Stoke City were the

JIMMY RIMMER

Aston Villa

were ols

Scot who was always tough to beat.

"But as you get older your boyhood memories tend to fade into the background and now I just want to do well for myself and Aston Villa.

"I reckon we've got a squad which could do as well as Burnley did in my schooldays and be pushing for the Division one championship and the FA Cup."

It's exactly 20 years since Burnley finished runners-up to Spurs in both League and cup, perhaps that kind of success for another side in claret and blue could repeat itself.



h Crooks is acclaimed by team-mates after scoring.

ke City

only team Garth every wanted to play for.

"So you can imagine how excited I was when one of my idols at Chelsea, Alan Hudson, joined Stoke," recalled Garth.

"He was everything I expected him to be, a great player who was able to inspire others to play around him.

"It was also a great thrill for me a few months ago to play at Chelsea's ground in a friendly and at Old Trafford for the first time, for like most kids United were always a great favourite.

"Unfortunately, at United we were beat 4-0, but it still didn't spoil a great thrill for me to be there."

Tottenham star **STEVE PERRYMAN** this week kicks off a great new series where you, the readers, ask the questions.

What questions do you want to ask your favourite player? Write in and we'll get the answers for you, making every effort to publish all the entries we receive.

Send your questions to "Tackle a Star", Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Steve Perryman was only too pleased to help.

MARK MORRISON, Tottenham, London: How did you get into professional football and which was your favourite club as a boy?

STEVE PERRYMAN: I was spotted as a 15-year-old playing midfield for Ealing and District Boys by Tottenham's chief scout Charlie Faulkner. I was invited to train with the club in my spare time and holidays and after one season I signed apprentice terms.

But I wasn't a Spurs supporter — I was always a Q.P.R. fan. They were my local club, living in West London as I did, and I used to follow them home and away even

have any language problems but I believe that football has a language of its own. I don't think I'm that bad at communicating and we overcame any problems there were.

As for the captain's job I don't think I would play any different if I wasn't captain. I think I may have taken on the responsibility too early looking back — I was about 23 or 24 at the time — and I may have been a bit naive, but now it feels right.

JAMES FOULKES, Liverpool: If you could play for any other team who would it

This week:
STEVE PERRYMAN



Tackle a Star

though they were only a third division side at the time.

MARGARET BOND, Thornton, Lancs: Who are your favourite singers and who is your present day favourite footballer?

STEVE: If I had to pick favourites I would go for Billy Joel and Gladys Knight and the Pips but I enjoy listening to most music. I enjoy getting out to concerts when I have the time.

There are two players in particular that I admire — Trevor Brooking of West Ham and Pat Jennings of Arsenal. Trevor is a good solid professional who cares about the game. I've often come into one to one conflict situations with him and it's made me realise what a good player he is. He uses his head to try to get you into bad positions. Having played with Pat Jennings at Spurs I know he's another dedicated professional. He's never had any aggravation with his clubs and for me he's at the top of his tree.

PHILIP STACEY, Exeter: Do you enjoy the captain's job at Spurs and did you have any language problems with Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa when they first arrived?

STEVE: It would be a lie to say I didn't

be and would you ever like to play abroad?

STEVE: I'm quite happy at Tottenham but if I had to choose another club I think it would be West Ham or Queen's Park Rangers because I would want to stay in London. As for playing abroad I would possibly consider America if it meant lengthening my playing career.

IAN SAUNDERS, Edmonton, London: When you retire from Spurs would you consider being the manager? I think you should.

STEVE: It is an ambition of mine to one day do just that but I don't feel I could pack up playing and move straight into a manager's position. It would either mean taking a lower position first, with Tottenham, or moving to another club and hopefully going back to White Hart Lane at a future date. I believe a manager should be strong and sometimes I think I am a little bit blinkered by the fact that I have only known one club.

FLASHBACK

WHERE WAS YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM
AT THE END OF SEASON
1972-73

ENGLISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	25	10	6	72	42	60
Arsenal	42	23	11	8	57	43	57
Leeds	42	21	11	10	77	45	53
Ipswich	42	17	14	11	55	45	48
Wolves	42	18	11	13	66	54	47
West Ham	42	17	12	13	67	53	46
Derby	42	19	8	15	56	54	46
Tottenham	42	16	13	13	58	48	45
Newcastle	42	16	13	13	60	51	45
Birmingham	42	15	12	15	53	54	42
Man City	42	15	11	16	57	60	41
Chelsea	42	13	14	15	49	51	40
Southampton	42	11	18	13	47	52	40
Sheff United	42	15	10	17	51	59	40
Stoke	42	14	10	18	61	56	38
Leicester	42	10	17	15	40	46	37
Everton	42	13	11	18	41	49	37
Man Utd	42	12	13	17	44	60	37
Coventry	42	13	9	20	40	55	35
Norwich	42	11	10	21	36	63	32
Crystal Palace	42	9	12	21	41	58	30
WBA	42	9	10	23	38	62	28

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	42	24	14	4	72	35	62
QPR	42	24	13	5	81	37	61
Aston Villa	42	18	14	10	51	47	50
Middlesbrough	42	17	13	12	46	43	47
Bristol City	42	17	12	13	63	51	46
Sunderland	42	17	12	13	59	49	46
Blackpool	42	18	10	14	56	51	46
Oxford	42	19	7	16	52	43	45
Fulham	42	16	12	14	58	49	44
Sheff Wed	42	17	10	15	59	55	44
Millwall	42	16	10	16	55	47	42
Luton	42	15	11	16	44	53	41
Hull	42	14	12	16	64	59	40
Nottm Forest	42	14	12	16	47	52	40
Orient	42	12	12	18	49	53	36
Swindon	42	10	16	16	46	60	36
Portsmouth	42	12	11	19	42	59	35
Carlisle	42	11	12	19	50	52	34
Preston	42	11	12	19	37	64	34
Cardiff	42	11	11	20	43	58	33
Huddersfield	42	8	17	17	36	56	33
Brighton	42	8	13	21	46	83	29

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	46	25	11	10	73	39	61
Notts County	46	23	11	12	67	47	57
Blackburn	46	20	15	11	57	47	55
Oldham	46	19	16	11	72	54	54
Bristol Rovers	46	20	13	13	77	56	53
Port Vale	46	21	11	14	56	69	53
Bournemouth	46	17	16	13	66	44	50
Plymouth	46	20	10	16	74	66	50
Grimsby	46	20	8	18	67	61	48
Tranmere	46	15	16	15	56	52	46
Charlton	46	17	11	18	69	67	45
Wrexham	46	14	17	15	55	54	45
Rochdale	46	14	17	15	48	54	45
Southend	46	17	10	19	61	54	44
Shrewsbury	46	15	14	17	46	54	44
Chesterfield	46	17	9	20	57	61	43
Walsall	46	18	7	21	56	66	43
York	46	13	15	18	42	46	41
Watford	46	12	17	17	43	48	41
Halifax	46	13	15	18	43	53	41
Rotherham	46	17	7	22	51	65	41
Brentford	46	15	7	24	51	69	37
Swansea	46	14	9	23	51	73	37
Scunthorpe	46	10	10	26	33	72	30

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southport	46	26	10	10	71	48	62
Hereford	46	23	12	11	56	38	58
Cambridge	46	20	17	9	67	57	57
Aldershot	46	22	12	12	60	38	56
Newport	46	22	12	12	64	44	56
Mansfield	46	20	14	12	78	51	54
Reading	46	17	18	11	51	38	52
Exeter	46	18	14	14	57	51	50
Gillingham	46	19	11	16	63	58	49
Lincoln	46	16	16	14	64	57	48
Stockport	46	18	12	16	53	53	48
Bury	46	14	18	14	58	51	46
Workington	46	17	12	17	59	61	46
Barnsley	46	14	16	16	58	60	44
Chester	46	14	15	17	61	52	43
Bradford	46	16	11	19	61	65	43
Doncaster	46	15	12	19	49	58	42
Torquay	46	12	17	17	44	47	41
Peterborough	46	14	13	19	71	76	41
Hartlepool	46	12	17	17	34	49	41
Crewe	46	9	18	19	38	61	36
Colchester	46	10	11	25	48	76	31
Northampton	46	10	11	25	40	73	31
Darlington	46	7	15	24	42	85	29

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	34	26	5	3	93	28	57
Rangers	34	26	4	4	74	30	56
Hibernian	34	19	7	8	74	33	45
Aberdeen	34	16	11	7	61	34	43
Dundee	34	17	9	8	68	43	43
Ayr	34	16	8	10	50	51	40
Dundee United	34	17	5	12	56	51	39
Motherwell	34	11	9	14	38	48	31
East Fife	34	11	8	15	46	54	30
Hearts	34	12	6	16	39	50	30
St Johnstone	34	10	9	15	52	67	29
Morton	34	10	8	16	47	53	28
Partick	34	10	8	16	40	53	28
Falkirk	34	7	12	15	38	56	26
Arbroath	34	9	8	17	39	63	26
Dumbarton	34	6	11	17	43	72	23
Kilmarnock	34	7	8	19	40	71	22
Airdrieonians	34	4	8	22	34	75	16

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clyde	36	23	10	3	68	28	56
Dunfermline	36	23	6	7	95	32	52
Raith	36	19	9	8	73	42	47
Stirling	36	19	9	8	70	39	47
St Mirren	36	19	7	10	79	50	45
Montrose	36	18	8	10	82	58	44
Cowdenbeath	36	14	10	12	57	53	38
Hamilton	36	16	6	14	67	63	38
Berwick	36	16	5	15	45	54	37
Stenhousemuir	36	14	8	14	44	41	36
Queen of the S	36	13	8	15	45	52	34
Alloa	36	11	11	14	45	49	33
E Stirlingshire	36	12	8	16	52	69	32
Queen's Park	36	9	12	15	44	61	30
Stranraer	36	13	4	19	56	78	30
Forfar	36	10	9	17	38	66	29
Clydebank	36	9	6	21	48	72	21
Albion	36	5	8	23	35	83	18
Brechin	36	5	4	27	46	99	14

GREAT

Harder to pin down than Kenny Dalglish!

CONSIDERING I've had only a three week break from football this summer I'm not that much out of condition.

I took my wife Jean and baby daughter Laura Jane to the Bahamas for the first part of our holiday and then we moved on to Florida.

Laura Jane loved Disneyland and couldn't get over the life-sized Mickey Mouse. She's 20 months old now and harder to pin down than Kenny Dalglish!

It was the perfect holiday for me. I felt as if I had disappeared off the face of the earth for three weeks — just playing tennis and golf or relaxing on the beach with my family.

Jean is now staying with her parents in Cornwall until we find a suitable home in the Southampton area. I'm living in an hotel near Southampton but the sooner we get a house the better.

I would like to live not more than 20 miles from the club and though we've seen one or two houses we fancy we've still not made up our minds.

Cover Picture

Main picture: Ray Clemence. Inset: Peter Shilton. Your verdict on who is the best of England's great goalkeepers inside this issue.

TO BE BACK

IT'S JUST GREAT TO BE BACK! After three years in Germany my return to English football with Southampton is proving to be every bit as exciting as I hoped it would be.

And what a great start for me in the friendly with Shamrock Rovers in Dublin. Just to have won would have been satisfying enough, but to have had a hand in two goals and then to score the third myself with a 20 yard drive made it the perfect evening.

Added to that Lawrie McMenemy made me captain for the night, a real honour in my first game for the Saints.

The Irish too were superb. They presented me with a gift before the match and their hospitality was tremendous.

Pleased with my game

From a fitness point of view I was well pleased with how my game went. Lawrie made a number of changes during our 3-1 win but I stayed on for the 90 minutes.

I had been training for only two days so I was particularly pleased to get through the game OK.

At the start of a season I normally ease myself into things but this year I have done a little bit more because I was so keen to play in Ireland.

Our trainer, Lou Chatterley keeps things varied and interesting — which is particularly nice for experienced players like myself who have been doing it for a good number of years.

Walking about on wooden legs!

Like any player, pro or amateur, I suffer from stiffness after the first couple of training sessions and early last week I felt as if I was

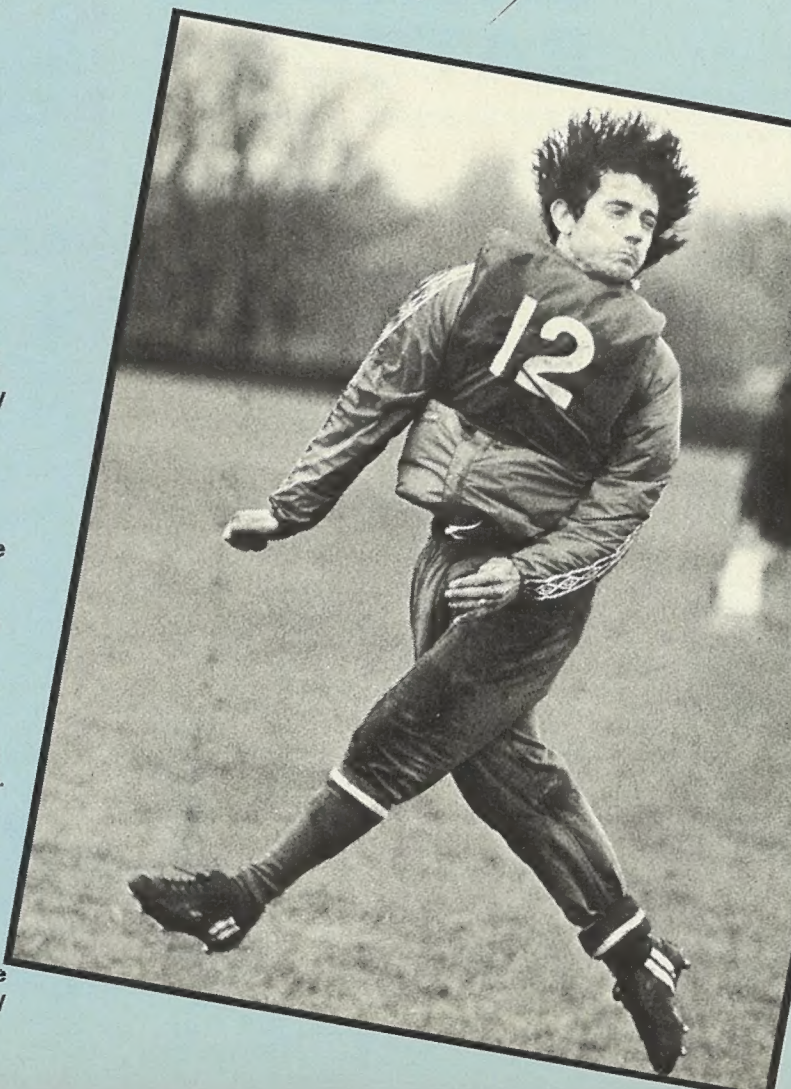
walking around on wooden legs!

Mixing in with my new team-mates has been no problem. The welcome I have had is unbelievable. Everyone is very friendly and of course I am already matey with players like Dave Watson and Mick Channon, my old pal. Mick shared a room with me in Ireland last week and waiting on him helped keep me fit!

Even after such a short summer break I've got a tremendous appetite for the game. I can't wait to start the season, when it's likely I will be playing a forward attacking midfield role.



Kevin Keegan, Southampton and England, writes only for Match Weekly



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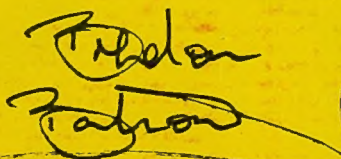
'My magic moment? It came against Everton'


FULL NAME: Brendon Martin Batson
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Granada, West Indies, February 6, 1953
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft, 12 st
MARRIED: Yes, to Cecily
CHILDREN: Zoe (3), Jason (17 months)
CAR: Silver Cortina 2-litre GL
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Arsenal, Cambridge United
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None, joined Arsenal from McKenzie Technical College, Walthamstow
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Batman'
WORST EVER INJURY: Chipped bone in my left leg which kept me out of action at Arsenal for six months
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: George Best of Manchester United was always my favourite — immaculate at everything
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Manchester United and Cambridge
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Franz Beckenbauer of West Germany. Great passer and a very good captain
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks; Cohen, England, Simpson, Knowles; Ball, Crerand, B. Charlton; Best, Law, Dalglish
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FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Benfica
BEST GOAL SCORED: I played a one-two with Cyrille Regis and struck it past Coventry's Jim Blyth in a 1979 FA Cup replay at the Hawthorns
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Bryan Robson's 30-yard volley against Everton at Goodison two years ago
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Clive Woods (Norwich)
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Albion's 1-1 away draw with Valencia in the UEFA Cup
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: My third first team game for Albion. I returned against Everton after two disappointing games and suddenly found my confidence
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Knocked out of the UEFA Cup by Red Star Belgrade
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, squash
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to music
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cleaning the car

BRENDON BATSON

West Bromwich Albion

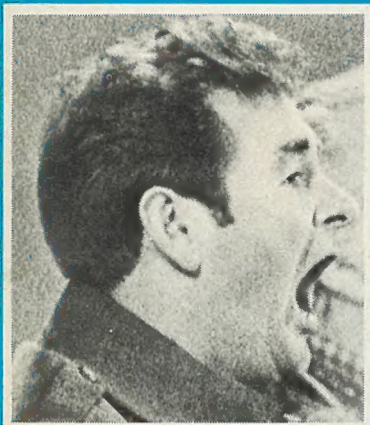
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Good Life, The Sweeney
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Charlie's Angels
FAVOURITE READING: Arthur Haley, Jack Higgins
FAVOURITE MUSICIANS/SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Paul Anka
FAVOURITE FOOD: Scampi and salad
FAVOURITE DRINK: White wine
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland
BEST FRIEND: We're all pals at Albion
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER: My wife and Ron Atkinson
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries and training on winter mornings
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak and beans, most of us have that at West Brom
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: Keep up my standard of living and have a good life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: Win a major honour with Albion
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: It's a hard world outside football and I'm still giving it thought
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Our young midfield player Reme Moses, a tidy player who's going to be an international one day
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?: I'd like to attend a major golf tournament and meet Jack Nicklaus
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTER: Even though you have ability, train hard and be conscientious





Brendon Batson, subject of this week's Matchmaker, shows the poise of a ballet dancer as he reaches forward to foil Austin Hayes, of Southampton, in a Division One clash between West Brom and the Saints. Looking on is Nick Holmes. Brendon, is better known as 'Batman' to his team-mates at the Hawthorns.

CLOUGH:



I don't
have to
open my
mouth
to find
my name
in the
spotlight

THERE are times when I am made to realise how strong my family have been over the years in putting up with the headline-making life of yours truly.

And the message really got across to me this summer when I read after the European Championships in Italy that Ron Greenwood's family had been upset at comments made by people on television panels.

I could not believe the kind of stuff I was reading.

The story went that the England manager's family was so upset by the kind of things that were said about him and his team in Italy that he was considering withdrawing his co-operation as much as possible from the television channels.

It struck home — literally — to me because of the kind of things my wife, daughter and two sons — not to mention my other relatives — have had to put up with over the years as the name Clough has beamed out at them from their morning paper.

I've had the same sort of thing happen to me on radio and television.

To be honest, I saw a lot of the television coverage of the European Championships and couldn't for the life of me remember anything that would make my hair stand on end.

I've had my ups and downs with the television companies.

But on this occasion at least, I've got to come down on their side.

Mind you, it's probably because I've had so much stick over the years that anything that was directed at Ron was mild by comparison. If Ron and his family really want to find out what it's like on the receiving end I suggest they change their name to Clough for a week or two.

I know I have had my say in the past but I don't have to open my mouth to find my name in the spotlight.

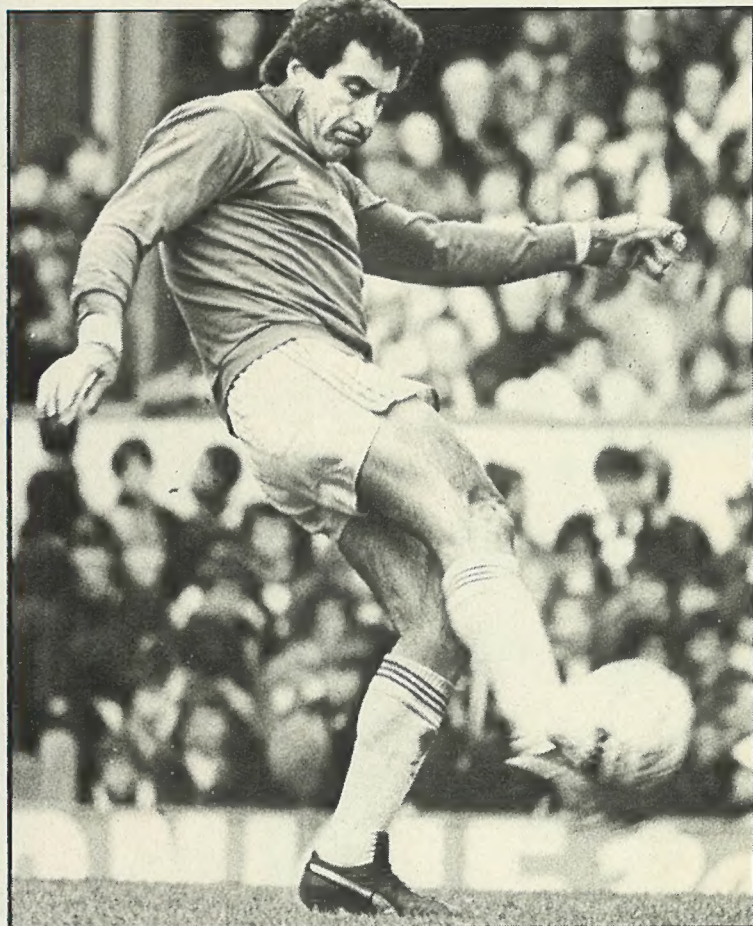
I remember a couple of years ago being on holiday in Torremolinos and was stopped by an Englishman in the street and he said: "See your name's in headlines again."

Naturally, I went to buy a paper and there in big bold letters was "F.A. probe Clough." See what I mean.

Brian Clough

Shilton or Clemence?	Shilton Clemence
CLEMENCE	SHILTON
Reason for choice HE IS A BETTER OVER	Reason for choice HE'S GOT
ALL KEEPER AND EVERYTHING	MORE ABILITY, SKILL,
Name DAVID HORTON	STRENGTH AND GUT'S
Address 299, BLOSSOM-	Name ANDREW CAWADON
FIELD ROAD, SOLIHULL	Address 25, WHARFEDGE
W. MIDS Age 13	DR. NTH HYKEDON
	LINCOLN Age 14

SHILTON OR



What you say about Peter . . .

HERE'S a selection of the comments from the Shilton fans who entered our survey:

Andrew Bentley (13) of Parkgate, South Wirral, says: "He's so agile both in the air and on the ground."

Fourteen-year-old Michael Nelson of York enthused: "He controls things in the box so well."

"More decisive and more consistent," says nine-year-old Mark Bentham of Biddick, Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Ten-year-old Nicholas Sherratt, of Stoke on Trent, picks Shilton because: "He's so cool and never seems to panic in a game."

Sixteen-year-old Simon Bosson, of Oldham, declares: "He's got elastic legs and he's always encouraging the defence."

Peter Ward of Leicester believes Shilton's build is important and adds: "He's better at low shots."

Shilton or Clemence?
CLEMENCE

Reason for choice
REFLEXES, and
he can cut out crosses

Name **Daniel Pitt**

Address **3 Lake Rise,**
Bomford, Essex.
RM14DZ Age **10**



Shilton or Clemence?
CLEMENCE

Reason for choice
It Bobs down to
pure "SKILL"

Name **Jeffrey Hisle**

Address **8, ROME DALE**
CLIVE
GR. REDCAP - LAND

TS10 5HR Age **14**

Shilton or Clemence?
SHILTON

Reason for choice
Shilton saves and holds
the ball more consistently!

Name **Steven Brown**

Address **62, Armar**
CLOSS, LUTON

3LR Age **13**

CLEMENCE?

IT'S INCREDIBLE! Ron Greenwood can't make up his mind who should occupy the England goalkeeping spot — and nor can you, our Match Weekly readers.

Because Ron continued to alternate Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton, we asked you in our issue July 12 to decide who is the better goalkeeper.

Hundreds of replies flooded in but when the pile had been sorted, Ray and Peter shared the vote exactly.

There were some good replies but we are still left with the baffling poser: 'Who is best. Ray or Peter?'



IT'S

A

The Match
 reader jury give
 their verdict

TIE!

What you say about Ray

AND here's what some of the Clemence supporters said:

"He's so aware of any danger and always prepared," — Richard Dalrymple, Feltham, Middlesex.

Alan War (14) of Ipswich, Suffolk, told us: "He has more experience of foreign teams."

Mark Lodge of Halifax, Yorks, singles out his "superb anticipation", Paul Phillipson (15) of Liverpool reckons he's "as fast as a falcon", and ten-year-old Charles Hunt of Driffield, North Humberside, says "he's better in the air."

Paul Mitchell of Runcorn, Cheshire, wrote: "I pick Clemence because he acts as a sweeper as well as a goalkeeper."

And last but not least we had a vote for Clemence from sisters Karen and Katherine Riseley of Retford, Notts . . . and a letter from their mum which read: "I read with disgust your article asking people to choose between Clemence and Shilton. I don't think it is fair on either player . . . even though Clemence is superior."

Chesterfield get t

LAST year it was Grimsby, Blackburn and Sheffield Wednesday. But who will be the teams to watch out for in Division Three in 1980-81?

Match Weekly has been talking to players of the teams promoted from the Third last season to find out who they're tipping.

Grimsby Town skipper Joe Waters — from the Fourth to the Second in successive years — talks about the qualities needed.

They've got the players to make it



Howard Kendall — Gillingham his outside bet.

Howard Kendall
(Blackburn)

HOWARD Kendall has good news for supporters of Burnley and Fulham — he thinks both teams are strong enough to bounce back to the Second Division.

The Blackburn boss said: "Martin Dobson will be a big influence on the Burnley side and they've got a number of young lads who'll do well.

"Fulham have also got the staff to make their stay in the Third Division as short as possible.

"We beat them last season in the FA Cup and they were far from impressive. They were going through a rough spell and confidence was low. If they start well this time they'll be a threat."

But although Kendall

Countdown to the new season

Joe Waters

- (Grimsby)
1 Chesterfield
2 Sheffield United
3 Swindon

Howard Kendall

- (Blackburn)
1 Chesterfield
2 Exeter
3 Gillingham/Sheffield United

Ian Mellor

- (Sheffield Wednesday)
1 Chesterfield
2 Rotherham
3 Swindon

mentioned the two relegated clubs his tips for the top three places lie elsewhere.

"Chesterfield have got several good players, like Alan Birch and Geoff Salmons and they're going to be there.

"And Exeter impressed me last season. They're a good all-round side without any stars.

"We played Swindon early on last season before they got involved in the Cups and I thought they were excellent.

"They've had one or two changes in the close season and it will be interesting to see how they settle down.

"The same goes for Sheffield United. It's all very well getting new players in but they've got to settle down.

"My outside tip is for Gillingham. They can bounce back after their disastrous season last time."

he stars' vote

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They won't slip this time

Joe Waters
(Grimsby Town)

SWINDON lack that streak of consistency needed by all promotion teams and that's why Grimsby skipper Joe Waters thinks they may struggle to get out of the Third Division again.

"They're a side with lots of flair and the County Ground is one of the toughest away grounds," Waters said.

"But Swindon lack consistency and this may cost them the final promotion place.

"If it does I'm backing Carlisle to sneak in. They impressed me a lot at our place last season.

"A tight defence is vital in the Third Division. Coach David Booth worked on our back-four last season and it paid dividends.

"My championship tip is Chesterfield. They struck me as an

excellent side last season and I don't think they'll slip up this time.

"Sheffield United must have a good chance. Harry Haslam has been busy in the transfer market this summer and he's strengthened the side.

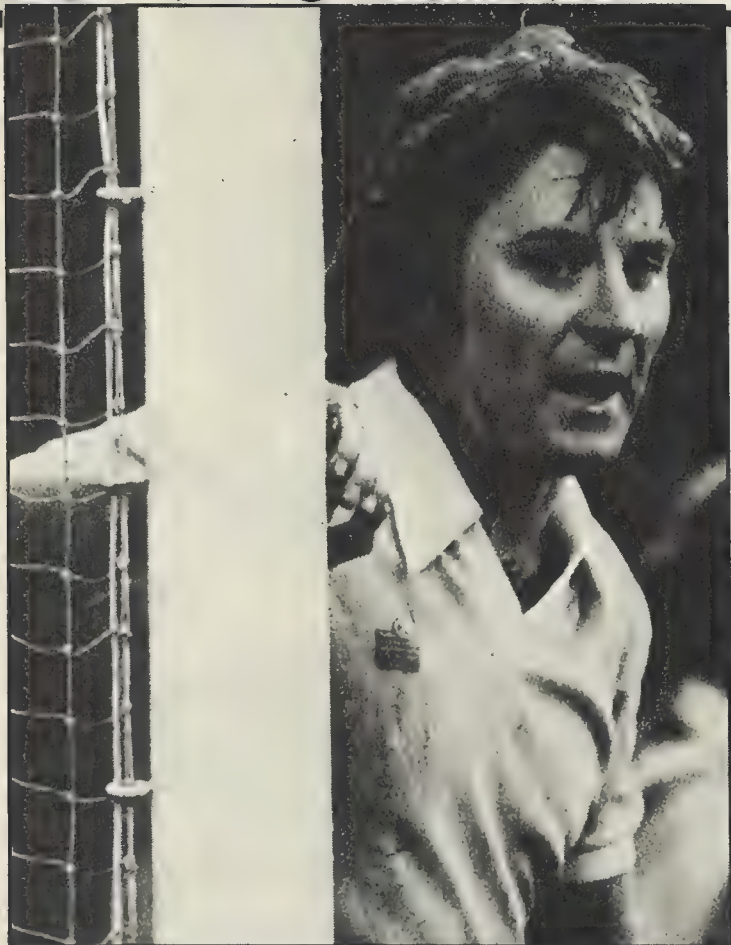
"Of the promoted sides Huddersfield will probably be the pick of the bunch. Walsall will also go well.

"It was a shame when Fulham went down from the Second Division. They're a friendly club with a great tradition.

"Burnley are similar but I don't think any of the relegated clubs will be good enough to bounce back at the first attempt.

"It will be interesting to see how Alan Ball performs in the Third. If anyone can give Blackpool heart he can.

"Colin Randell of Plymouth is very impressive as are the Chesterfield lads, Geoff Salmons, Alan Birch, Andy Moss and Phil Walker."



Joe Waters — Swindon have flair but could struggle.

...and Rotherham can go with them

SHEFFIELD Wednesday star Ian Mellor hopes City rivals United will follow them into the Second Division — but he doesn't think they are good enough.

"Harry Haslam has brought and sold players in the close season but it always takes time for a team to adjust," Mellor said.

"I'd like to see United get promoted because it's good for the area. That was the reason I was disappointed when Blackburn went up instead of Chesterfield last season.

"Chesterfield are my tip to win the title this time and I also take Rotherham to go up.

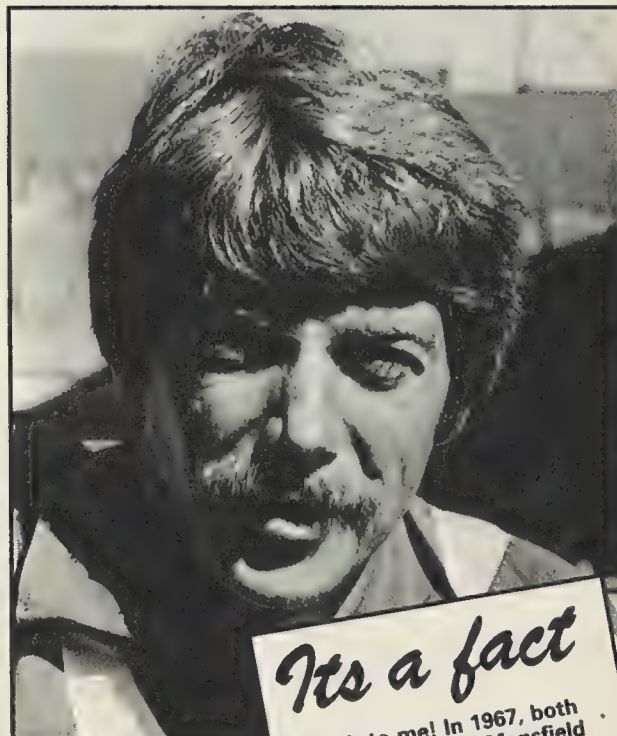
Ian Mellor
(Sheffield Wednesday)

"Manager Ian Porterfield has a terrific will-to-win and he'll get things moving.

"Swindon will also go up — as long as they don't get tied up with the Cup competitions.

"You've got to keep an eye on the promoted teams. Grimsby last season and Swansea and Watford before that proved that you can make the jump from the Fourth to the Second in successive seasons."

Players to watch out for? Swindon strikers Alan Mayes and Andy Rowland will get among the goals again.



Above: Ian Mellor

It's a fact

SOCK it to me! In 1967, both Torquay United and Mansfield were each fined £10 for wearing socks which clashed with those of Shrewsbury Town!

Alan's certain to play a scorcher

THERE'S no chance of Leicester's Alan Young getting steamed up on a Saturday morning — he smooths away any problems by ironing his match day shirt.

By the look on his face Alan (right) finds it easier to slot away the goals at Filbert Street but it's a match day ritual he never misses:

"I really can't remember how or when it all started. I suppose I must have had a good game the first time I did it.

"There were so many superstitions at Leicester when I arrived there wasn't really any room for mine, but this is one I kept on."

Alan's one striker who is guaranteed to play a scorcher!

No-one argues with big Derek

FOR as long as he can remember, Rangers' striker Derek Johnstone has always carried a ball out on to the pitch.

"It all started during my school days. I was always the biggest and I got to carry the ball out.

"Nobody ever argued with me about it and I carried it on when I turned professional."



Alan Young gets busy on the ironing table — his match-day ritual.

'No. 13 brings me luck' says Alan Rough

THIRTEEN may be unlucky for some but not for goalkeeper Alan Rough.

He believes the number that most people go out of their way to avoid actually bring him luck.

So much so that he's painted it on the heels of his boots!

Explained Alan: "Thirteen has always been my number. I think it goes back to my first year with Partick Thistle.

"Everyone is given a number for training kit and mine was 13. We won the League Cup that year and it stemmed from there."

But that's not his only superstition or ritual.

"I used to have a lot of lucky charms. If anyone threw something on the park during a game I'd keep it.

"Now I always kick the ball into the net when we run out before the match and I'm always the second out of the tunnel.

"And I always wear the same keeper's jersey. Thistle wanted me to wear green once but I don't wear green so they made up a sky blue one.

"There was a time when I always took a bottle of water out on to the pitch with me. It's just that I used to dry up during a match but I'm sure some people thought it was booze," joked Alan.

"I always take the dogs for a walk on the morning of a match and I keep to a set pattern."



Alan Rough in goalmouth action.

KNOW YOUR CLUB



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YEAR FORMED: 1886 (turned professional 1891).

NICKNAME: Gunners.

FORMER NAMES: Royal Arsenal, Woolwich Arsenal.

ADDRESS: Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London, N5.

TELEPHONE: 01-226 0304.

GROUND CAPACITY: 60,000.

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 73,295 v Sunderland, Division One, March 9, 1935.

RECORD RECEIPTS: £116,499 v Juventus, Cup Winners Cup, April 9, 1980.

PITCH MEASUREMENTS: 110yds x 71yds.

FORMER GROUNDS: Plumstead Common, Sportsman Ground, Manor Ground, Invicta Ground.

LEAGUE RECORD: Elected to Division Two 1893; 1904-13 Division One; 1913-19 Division Two; 1919-1980 Division One.

HONOURS: League champions — 1930-31, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1937-38, 1947-48, 1952-53, 1970-71. FA Cup winners — 1929-30, 1935-36, 1949-50, 1970-71, 1978-79. Fairs Cup winners 1969-70.

RECORD VICTORY: 12-0 v Loughborough T, Division Two, March 12, 1900.

RECORD DEFEAT: 0-8 v Loughborough T, Division Two, December 12, 1896.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 66, Division One, 1930-31.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 127, Division One, 1930-31.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Ted Drake, 42, 1934-35.

MOST AGGREGATE LEAGUE GOALS: Cliff Bastin, 150, 1930-47.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Pat Jennings (N Ireland).

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: George Armstrong, 500, 1960-77.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £180,000 from Liverpool for Ray Kennedy, July 1974.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £1,200,000 to QPR for Clive Allen, June 12, 1980.

MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR:

George Allison, Tom Whittaker, Jack Crayston, George Swindin, Billy Wright, Bertie Mee, Terry Neill. ADDRESS OF CLUB SHOP: Gunners Shop, Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, N5.

Mike can't kick the habit

MANCHESTER United's Welsh wizard Mike Thomas gets up to a few tricks before a match.

He religiously laces his boots up three times before he's happy.

And he goes through the "boots on, boots off" routine whether he's playing for club or country.

It all started during his time with Wrexham, as Mike explained:

"Arfon Griffiths always used to put his boots on three times and I copied him one day and had a good match — I think I scored.

"I've done it ever since. I put my boots on, go for a little run round the dressing room, take them off and so on."

And that's not Mike's only match day habit.

As he runs on to the pitch (always second from last) he spits out his gum and kicks it with his left foot.

"I'm always careful to connect — if I don't it means it's going to be a bad day," said Mike.

Put a sock in it, Eric

"PUT a sock in it mate." Cartoon fun with Eric Gates of Ipswich who always leaves his socks off when he first dons his boots before a match.

He wanders around fully kitted out — bar his socks — until about 2.30 p.m. when he finally gets properly dressed.



LUCKY FOR SOME!

EVERYONE knows that skill and strategy have only a minor part to play in the quest for honours next season!

It's the order in which players get kitted out, the route they take to the ground or the lucky charms they carry with them that will win games. For many players the curious rituals and superstitions they follow are an established and important part of any match day. Match Weekly decided to investigate what goes on behind the scenes, who is involved and why...

Shorts last for Graham

GRAHAM Baker is always the last Southampton player to get fully kitted out... his shorts go on just a few seconds before the team runs out on to the pitch.

"It's just something I've always done since I have been in the first team. Apart from keeping to the same meal on match day it's my

only little ritual.

"Some players like to get kitted out early and others leave it until the last minute. Micky Channon is still in his suit at about a quarter to three!"



Alan Brazil on the ball for Ipswich — now goes out second last.

It's boiled chicken for Brazil

IPSWICH striker Alan Brazil was always last man out of the tunnel but now that honour goes to Terry Butcher.

"Who am I to argue," says Alan, "Terry is 6ft 4ins tall."

Alan always has the same meal on match days — boiled chicken — and he usually enjoys a lie in.

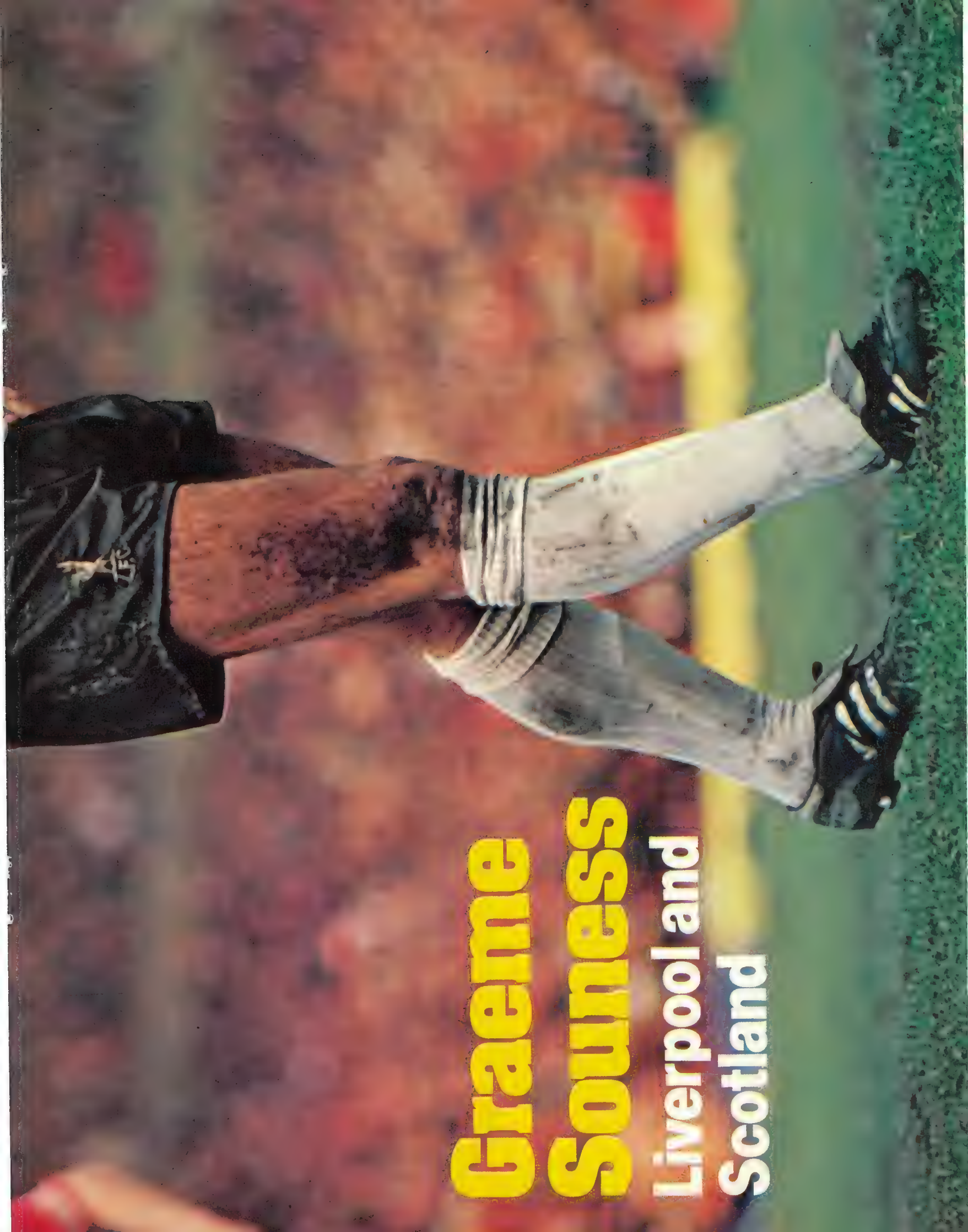
"My shirt is always the last thing to go on when we are getting kitted out and for some reason I prefer it when we are wearing white socks," he told Match.

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Graeme Souness

**Liverpool and
Scotland**





Bring in Paul Hart

HOW much longer will Ron Greenwood ignore the skill and talent of Leeds United's Paul Hart? I realise that Dave Watson is doing a first-rate job but Greenwood must think ahead — Watson is almost 34 and can't last forever.

If we are going to stand any chance of beating the likes of West Germany and Argentina in Spain in 1982 we must get a good solid defender. For me Paul Hart is the man for the job.

Philip Smith, Maltby, Nr Rotherham

Leeds United's Paul Hart is England's natural successor to Dave Watson.

Our league the best

I THINK the English League is still the most exciting, competitive and demanding league in the world.

All this talk about the Bundesliga being the best is rubbish.

Maybe they've produced four or five 'top-class' teams in the last few seasons but our own league has produced not only Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Arsenal but other former greats such as Spurs, Leeds, Sunderland, etc.

Maybe our First Division has been dominated over the past half-decade or so by Liverpool but our league, with the inclusion of midweek games, Cup games and such like makes it undoubtedly the best in the world.

Hugh O'Rourke, Millfield, Peterborough



Protect forwards

ISN'T it about time we had a new law to protect the attacking player in a man-to-man situation with the goalkeeper?

It's frustrating to both the players and spectators when an attacker running through with the ball is brought down from behind only inches from the box by an unsporting and

ruthless defender.

Surely in these situations a direct free-kick should be given where the foul took place and players (bar the 'keeper) made to stand at least five yards behind the player taking the kick — thus eliminating the inevitable wall!

Anthony Hughes (14), Winsford, Cheshire

The Scots will still come good

I'M sick of hearing how badly Scotland played in the Home Internationals. I admit their performance against Northern Ireland was not very good but they played well against England and Wales and in both matches had a lot of chances.

Iain Page (12), Tonbridge, Kent

MATCH WEEKLY

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TERRACE TALK

— the letters' page with something to say

Give Alan a game Ron

IT would be a great idea if Ron Greenwood at last gave Alan Sunderland a game. He's been called up for the England squad but never gets a game.

I'm sick of seeing Woodcock or Francis or Woodcock or Johnson up front. Woodcock always seems to get a game.

Stuart McIlroy, Cardiff



Arsenal's Alan Sunderland, who according to Stuart McIlroy of Cardiff should be an England player, bursts through to score in the opening minutes of last season's FA Cup semi-final second replay against Liverpool.

coincidence

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Winner**

LOOKING back over the last three seasons I've noticed a remarkable coincidence.

In 1978 the FA Cup, League Cup and European Cup finals all finished with the same score: 1-0.

In 1979 both the FA Cup and League Cup finals finished 3-2 and the European Cup 1-0. And in 1980 all three finals once again finished 1-0.

In these three years Arsenal and Nottingham Forest made history for this century by appearing in successive finals of the FA Cup and League Cup respectively.

And the results in the European Cup meant that for three successive years the Cup has been won by the same scoreline.

From Graeme O'Neill, Victoria, Australia

Standards have not declined

I'M sick of hearing former professionals claim that the football standards have declined since the old days, saying there used to be a greater number of gifted young players around.

The standard today is excellent. And as for the young players, Glenn Hoddle, Graham Rix, Gordon Cowans, Vince Hilaire, and Alan

Devonshire would be outstanding in any day and age.

Justin Morris (14), Woodford Green, Essex.

Right: Gordon Cowans — outstanding.



OUTRAGED!

YOU might prefer to call me something else — but there's no doubting I'm THE VOICE of football. Some try and shoot me down but I always come out on top.

Why don't you argue with me? If I print your letter I'll send you £2 as a reward. I'll also award £5 for the 'Foul of the Week' — the letter that outrages me most. And if you enclose a picture of yourself I may use that too.

But beware — I don't allow any softies in this column. Write to: Trevor Haylett, Outraged, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB.



Give Ireland credit

I'm outraged at the way the so-called media have not given Northern Ireland more praise for their win in the Home Internationals.

I know they're not as good as England but they did prove they were worthy of the Championship by beating Wales on their own ground — which is more than England could manage.

Ronnie Keenan, Exmouth, Devon.

● OK you've got your letter published. Now will you and the rest of the N. Ireland supporters give it a rest.

Now there's an idea!

AFTER England's disastrous performance in the European Championship I suggest Trevor Haylett applies for the job as manager of the team.

Every week in Match Weekly you show yourself to be an expert on English football and so maybe you should be the one to guide them to the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

Neil Strachan, Fife, Scotland.

● What a great suggestion Neil. You took the words right out of my mouth.

**FOUL
OF THE
WEEK**

ALL ABOUT SKILL

scored. It's about skill as well.

More skill is shown by a team defending efficiently than by a team scoring a couple of sloppy goals.

I'll bet you'll never print this letter because you never print letters that defend the present system of football.

Peter Bennett (14), Spennymoor, County Durham.

● Yawn, yawn, Peter. Correction — football IS all about goals being scored. Ask Ham-burg FC.

I'M writing in outrage at the stupid suggestion put forward by Winston Jones (Match July 12) that a side who scores an early goal and defends for the rest of the game should have to share the points with the other team.

Why should a team be punished for winning a game fairly? Defending is not boring if you can appreciate the skill needed to defend well.

Football is not just about goals being

MATCH WEEKLY QUIZ

HERE are this week's ten teasers — with spaces for you to write your answers in. Former BBC Brain of Sport Julian Pincher has set the questions and will award one point for each correct answer. See how your score compares with that of your friends.

1. Which team won the 1980 F.A. Challenge Trophy?
2. Which country finished third in the 1980 European Championship?
3. Name the first teenager to be transferred for a fee of £1,000,000 between British clubs.
4. Name the footballer who scored two of England's goals in their 3-1 win against World Champions Argentina at Wembley.
5. Name the two Arsenal players who missed from the spot in the penalty shoot out to decide the 1980 European Cup Winners Cup Final.
6. Who was the youngest player in England's 22 for the Finals of the 1980 European Championships?
7. From which club did West Ham sign Alan Taylor the man who scored both of their goals in the 1975 Cup Final?
8. On which grounds do the following play their home games. a) Chester, b) Hereford, c) Albion Rovers?
9. With which club did Colin Todd begin his League career?
10. Which country in the final stages of the 1980 European Championship were managed by Vladislav Kubala?

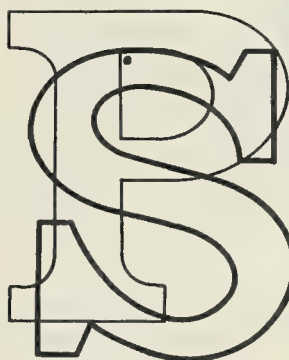
How did you score?

ANSWERS

1. Dagenham. 2. Czechoslovakia. 3. Clive Allen. 4. David Johnson. 5. Liam Brady & Graham Rix. 6. Kenny Sansom. 7. Rochdale. 8. a) Sealand Road, b) Edgar Street, c) Cliftonhill Park. 9. Sunderland. 10. Spain.

TOUCHLINES

We're giving you a monogram of the initials of PETER SHILTON. Starting at the dot can you trace over the design — or redraw it — without lifting your pen from the paper and without going over any line twice? Answer on page 30.



Your quiz

Win a super football

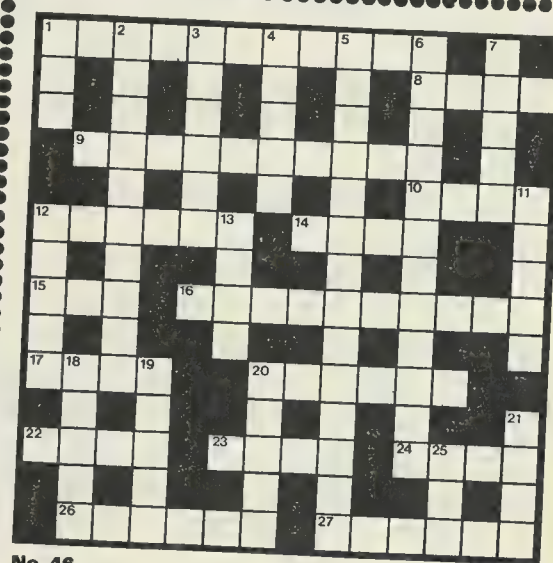
YES, five more leather footballs are being given away FREE in this week's crossword.

Simply solve the crossword, writing your answers in ballpoint pen. Fill in the coupon, cut around the dotted line and send it in an envelope to Match Weekly Crossword No. 46, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough.

The senders of the first five correct entries drawn from the postbag will each receive a super leather football. Closing date is August 9. Results announced August 23.

Across

1. Major trophy that has been held by English clubs since 1977 (8,3)
8. See 7 down
9. 'Alec Scarne' (anagram) — makes these big kicks out of danger (10)
10. & 22 across. Burnley's Ground (4,4)
12. Nickname of Sheffield United (6)
14. — Jankovic (Middlesbrough) (4)
15. Although their ground is called Somerset Park, they actually play in Scotland (3)
16. 'Torn violin' (anagram) — so he plays up front for Aston Villa (4,6)
17. This ex-England man has just moved from Everton to Bolton (4)
20. ... though this Bristol side are known as 'The Pirates' (6)
22. See 10 across
23. A key player in Fulham's defence? (4)
24. See 20 down
26. The fashions of Archie? (6)
27. See 21 down



No. 46

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Down

1. See 6 down
2. Famous Spanish club which won *la*cross five years running (4,6)
3. A posh building for the club at Selhurst Park (6)
4. Probably the best-known of the Clarke brothers (5)
5. Country that kicked off the European Championships with West Germany (14)
6. & 1. down. Bobby Charlton managed this club whose current boss is his former club and country team-mate Nobby Stiles (7,5,3)
7. & 8. across. Colchester United's ground (5,4)
11. Another of the famous Clarke brothers (5)
12. One of Cambridge United's colours (5)
13. Shilton has made many a good one (4)
18. Nickname of Scunthorpe United (5)
19. 'The Rams' (5)
20. & 24. across. Southend United's ground (5,4)
21. & 27. across. Old Forest and Carlisle player who has managed Carlisle twice (taking them into the First Division) and, amongst others, WBA (bringing them the FA Cup) (4,6)
25. It's a foul if an outfielder plays the ball with it (3)

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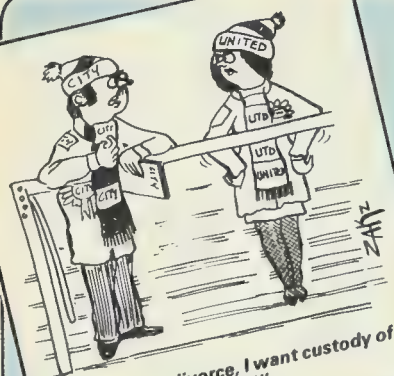


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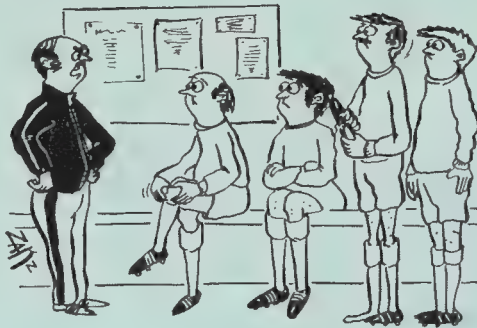
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"If we get a divorce, I want custody of all the City souvenirs!"



"Today's game will be far more open than we expected . . . our back four haven't turned up!"

Cartoon Time

OUR Football Funnies' postbag has been producing some unkind comments about Manchester City recently — particularly from the followers of that other lot at Old Trafford.

Come on you City supporters! Why not get your own back and send us some funnies aimed at Manchester United.

In fact we would welcome some new material from any of our readers.

So if you know a little funny, true, or false, why not send it on a postcard to Football Funnies, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB, and pick up an easy £2 if it's published.

Remember to include your name, age and address.

Take a look at this week's

sample and see if you can do better. Bet you can!

Michael Foster

of St Albans, Herts

EVERY morning, an avid Manchester United fan gets

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

out of bed, puts on his red and white scarf, and comes downstairs shouting, 'Come on United!'

He does this every morning for years and one day his wife says: "Do you know, I sometimes think you love Manchester United more than you love me."

Comes the prompt reply: "Look, I love Manchester City more than I love you".

Neil Monk (11)

of Epping, Essex

"IT should be a close game. It's an awful small ground!"

★ ★ ★

André Linford

(13)

of Poole, Dorset

'WHAT'S Blue and slides down the table? Rochdale!'

We thought Chelsea would have been a better answer, André!

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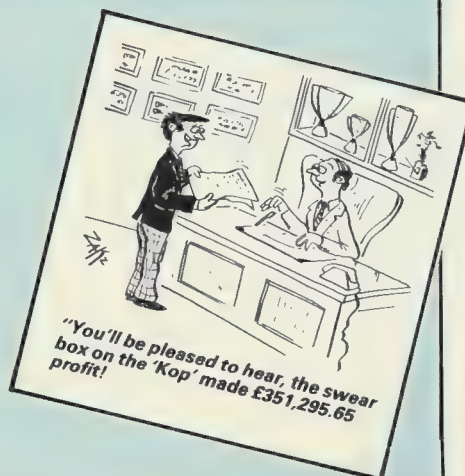
Phil McGarry,

of Blackburn, Lancs

QUESTION: If Bury had drawn at Liverpool in last season's F.A. Cup where would the replay have been?
Answer: Fantasy Island.



"You can't say he's not quick off his line!"

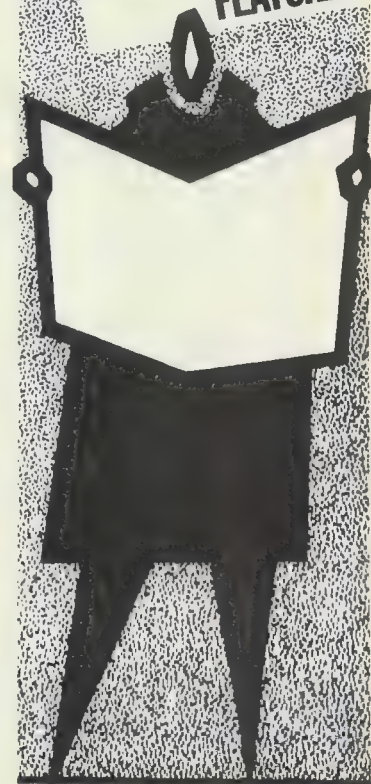


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MY BEST—AND STILL A COLLEGE BOY

ABOVE: Mark Wallington dives bravely at the feet of former Arsenal striker Malcolm MacDonald as ex-Leicester centre-half John Sjöberg tries to intervene.

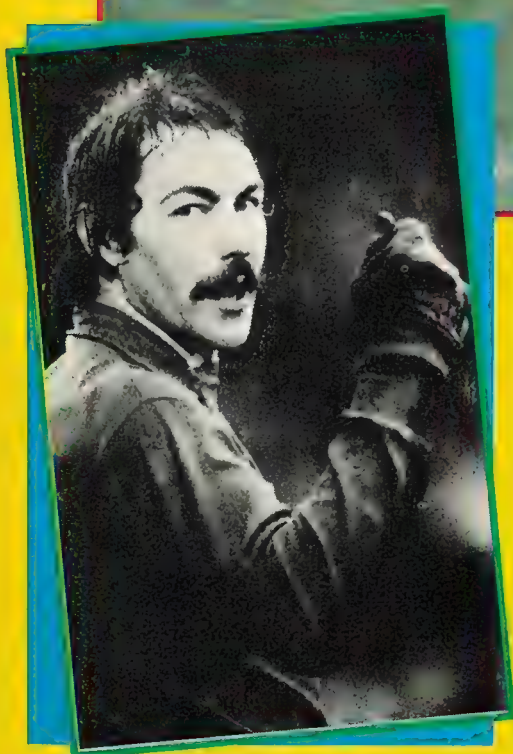
MARK WALLINGTON Leicester City **No 23**

BIRTHPLACE: Grantham, Lincs.
BIRTHDATE: September 17, 1953.
CAREER: Walsall, Leicester. **LEAGUE**
APPEARANCES: 257. **INTERNATIONAL**
HONOURS: Two England U23 caps.

"I MUST go back to February, 1972, for the save I remember as my best. It came against Everton in the FA Cup Fourth Round, in only my sixth first team game for Walsall. I was still at Carnegie College, Leeds and still an amateur.

"The ball was cut back and Alan Whittle caught it on the volley from the edge of the penalty area. I had a good view of it but I was pleased that I was able to pluck it out of the air.

"Though that was my best save, perhaps the most important was at Cardiff last season, when I saved a penalty and we went on to win 1-0 with a Bobby Smith penalty and maintain our challenge for promotion."





Me and my shadow!

EVER had the feeling you're being followed? Certainly, England international Peter Barnes knew all about close marking when England met Wales in a Home International at Wrexham. Joey Jones, of Wrexham, gave the WBA winger that 'don't look now' feeling.

Kids take a front seat

RANGERS are turning over the front section of their new £2 million Broomloan Road stand to the younger fans.

It is planned to have 3,200 seats available either for the under 16s on their own at a cost of £1.20 or on a parent and child basis.

The combined father and son (or mother and daughter) price will be £3 and while the club are not discouraging unaccompanied adults, they prefer to give this section of the stand to the young brigade.

Youngsters

It's their aim to introduce special gating to cope with the demand of the youngsters and also to have special gifts to give away particularly for the official opening in the friendly against Spurs on Monday, August 4 (7.30 kick-off).

The day after the Spurs game, Rangers move into phase three of their massive re-building project. The old Centenary stand will be ripped down to be replaced by a £4 million 11,000 seater stand which will take 18 months to build.

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Ace of Hearts

HEARTS manager Bobby Moncur finds himself in a most unusual position — he's the most expensive signing on the club books.

It cost the Edinburgh side £42,000 in compensation to Carlisle to sign on former Newcastle and Scotland star, Moncur, as manager.

Sacked

Added to that the club had to pay £7,500 in compensation to Willie Ormond, the man they sacked to make room for Moncur.

And that grand total of nearly £50,000 is about £20,000 more than Hearts paid to Rangers for defender Jim Denny, who is the costliest player on the books.

Sign of the times

RANGERS failure to sign a Catholic player has been in the news again in Scotland following the SFA's £20,000 fine on both Rangers and Celtic following the Scottish Cup riots at Hampden.

But the controversy only succeeded in producing a fine example of reverse logic from on Ibrox fanatic.

"We are told to go out and sign a Catholic," he said. "But how can we do that when Celtic can't find enough good Catholic players. They have got anything up to seven Protestants at a time."



Ian Redford . . . desperate to score his first goal in front of the Ibrox fans, following his move from Dundee.

Oh

IAN REDFORD, the £210,000 midfield player signed by Rangers from Dundee last season, has just one ambition — to score a goal in front of the Ibrox supporters.

Ian, 20-year-old farmer's son from Perthshire, had a reputation as goalscorer with the Dundee club and, indeed, finished last season joint top marksman at Dens Park with 13 goals, despite missing almost half the games because of injury and his subsequent move to Ibrox.

But so far his scoring performances for Rangers have been reserved for overseas.

Quick goals

Says Ian: "I netted twice in two games in the Middle East just after I joined Rangers and got another in the close season trip to Canada."

"I know the fans have been disappointed with my performances at Ibrox and I'd love to start the season with a few quick goals, particularly at Ibrox."

"The fans ended up wondering where I had got my reputation for goals, but, in fact, I had three goals disallowed for one reason

Boys for the big time

YOU CAN'T keep a good man down. In the midst of the freedom of contract crisis which has hit Partick Thistle, manager Bertie Auld has inevitably found a bright spot.

"The loss of first team players like Colin McAdam and Jim Melrose and probably others simply means I'm going to have to give my young players a chance," says Bertie.

"In fact, the whole thing may be a help to us when it comes to recruiting young talent."

"I'll be able to point out to the boys that if they are good then they will get a first team chance much quicker with Thistle than

they would with a bigger club.

"The very fact that we are successful has been proved by the way Rangers moved in for McAdam and Leicester for Melrose."

"Any boy who wants to make it big — well Thistle's the club," said Bertie.

Apart from losing McAdam and Melrose, Thistle have found themselves with four other players who are free to negotiate their own transfer — John Marr, Brian Whittaker, Ian Gibson and Donald Park.

Right: Donald Park . . . set for a move from Partick, Hibs are favourites for his signature.



CORNER



SCOT'S

for a goal!

That's Redford's first target

or another in the games I played for Rangers.

"I didn't really get to know my team mates last season. I was ineligible to play during the club's Scottish Cup run and missed quite a few games.

"And, of course, the daily travel involved from my home in Perthshire meant I had little opportunity to mix with the other players after training.

"But I hope to have a flat in the Glasgow area soon and that should be a help as well."

Ian is hoping for a happy link

up with another former Dundee man Jim Bett this season.

It's a fact

A 50-year spell spanned the careers in first-class soccer of two players who appeared in the same side in the same season! Right-back Bob McGrory began with Dumbarton in season 1914-15, and outside-right Stanley Matthews played his last League game, with Stoke City, in 1964-65. Both played with Stoke in Division Two in season 1932-33.

Great night for McGrain

THE BIGGEST crowd pullers in England and Scotland clash head on on Monday night in Glasgow (kick-off 8 p.m.).

The occasion is the climax of Danny McGrain's testimonial year, the meeting of Celtic and Manchester United at Parkhead.

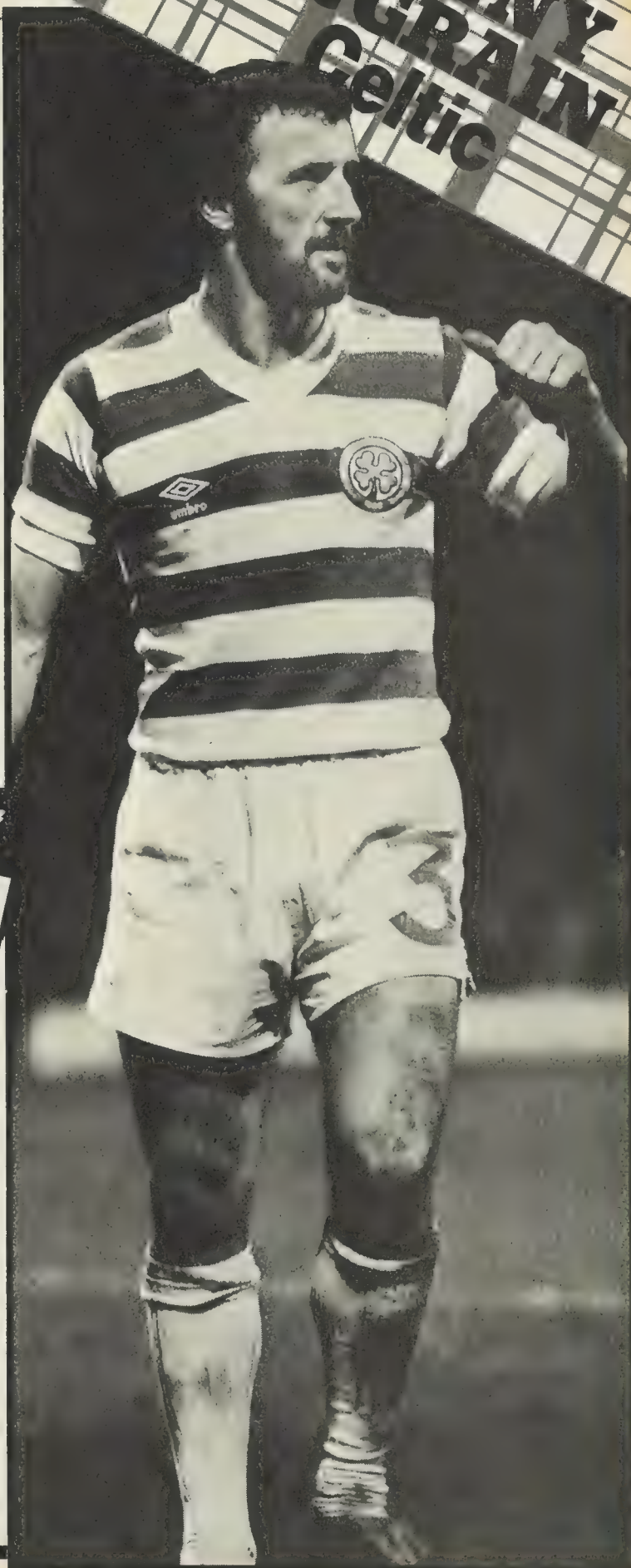
"I'm delighted United could come for this game, it promises to be a great night and I'm hoping at least 50,000 will be there," Danny told MATCH.

Comedians

The Scottish international, who has been 13 years with Celtic after starting his career with Queens Park, has vowed to stick rigidly to his favourite shandy the night before The Big Match.

"But I doubt whether I'll have difficulty enjoying the gala dinner at the Albany hotel in my honour. The guest speakers are Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy, comedians Billy Connolly and Frank Carson and my boyhood hero Denis Law."

DANNY
McGRAIN
Celtic



All change!

JOHN GREGORY Brighton



Left: John Gregory — lost his utility tag at Brighton but grateful for the experience his switches on the park brought him.

JOHN Gregory's League career has seen him fill every position going . . . bar that of goalkeeper.

In his time with Aston Villa his longest run in one shirt was 14 games and even that was as a midfielder-cum-striker.

Since joining Brighton John has only ever played at right back but he's sure his earlier nomadic experiences have made him more aware.

"I literally played in every shirt at Villa Park except number one. I went there as a central defender from Northampton but shifted to full back, midfield and even played up front a couple of times.

"Every club has one player like that and it just happened to be me at the time what with injuries to other players and everything," John told Match Weekly.

"It has to be good experience but it was difficult at times, particularly moving from full

back to striker.

"At the time I was fairly new to the First Division and I was just happy to be playing each week.

"Now I only wear the number two shirt and I think I prefer that but it was a terrific experience playing in all those positions — I had just come out of the Fourth Division and I was quite happy to do it."

John's in no doubt that the position of central midfielder is the hardest he has taken on.

"It has to be the hardest for all round involvement but it's hard as a striker if you are not scoring. It's definitely made me more appreciative of the problems of playing in other positions.

"I know the sort of balls I used to prefer as a front player and it's a case now of treating others as you would like to be treated yourself."



... Focus on three stars who have become better players after switching roles.

A GOOD player, the experts say, is one who can adapt to any position on the field.

In this, the second part of an intriguing series on the men who've swapped their shirts, three top First Division stars tell how a change of role has helped their game.

BILLY ASHCROFT

Middlesbrough

A CHANGE in position has always brought a change in fortune for the 'Middlesbrough Mountain' Billy Ashcroft.

He needed a switch from centre-half to centre-forward to rescue his career just when it seemed he wasn't going to make it as a professional footballer.

And, ironically, it was the reverse move that gave a goost to his game when it looked like he'd struggle in the First Division.

"I'm a centre-half now and I think I'll stay there for the rest of my career" said the Middlesbrough star.

"In a sense it's easier because you don't have to set off on long runs and don't take as much hammer.

"But centre-half is difficult as well. I find the close-marking the biggest test.

"I used to let players come off me a lot and I'm working hard in pre-season training to stop this."

Billy was on amateur forms for Blackpool as a centre-half when a schoolboy friend from Liverpool

advised him to move to centre-forward.

"I wasn't doing much and my pal, who was then with Wrexham, told me to go along to the Racecourse ground as a forward," he said.

"That's where I played all my football for Wrexham apart from about 20 games in defence."

Wrexham manager John Neal later took over at Middlesbrough and it wasn't long before Billy followed him.

Neal hadn't forgotten those 20 games.

"At the beginning of last season Stuart Boam and Alan Ramage were injured and the boss asked me to play at centre-half.

"I wasn't doing a lot up front so I grabbed the opportunity with both hands. The first game went quite well — we won 3-1 at Tottenham — and I've stayed there ever since."

RAY KENNEDY

Liverpool

WHEN Ray Kennedy was knocking in goals for Arsenal in their Double season of 1970-71 it was unthinkable to imagine him playing anywhere else — and becoming a better player for it!

But that is exactly what happened to the Liverpool star when Bob Paisley put him in reverse gear from the forward line to midfield.

And sixteen full England caps on the sidebar prove that it was a move on the right lines.

"It wasn't until I played in

midfield that I realised how bored I was with playing up front," Ray told Match Weekly.

"Midfield opened up a new world. It gave me more freedom and I enjoyed it right from the first game."

Mind you it wasn't all plain sailing. A tendency to be caught upfield was one habit Ray had to overcome.

Ray had been at Anfield one season following his move from Arsenal and was struggling to make his mark, when Bob Paisley suggested the switch.

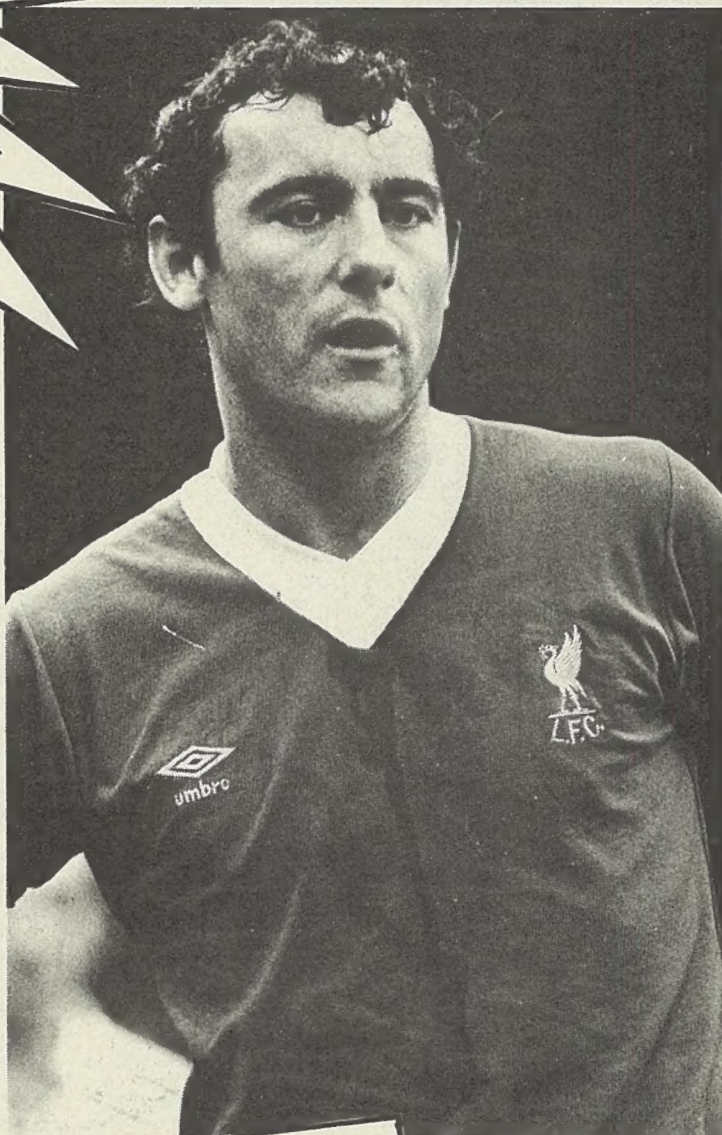
"I said 'yes, great, as long as I don't keep moving back and forth."

"I played seven or so games in the Reserves and when Peter Cormack was injured I got my chance in the first team.

"The advantage of midfield is that I can move up to attacking positions without being spotted.

"The close control that I learned up front comes in very useful in midfield.

"My lack of pace doesn't hinder me. After all — there's always somebody behind me!"

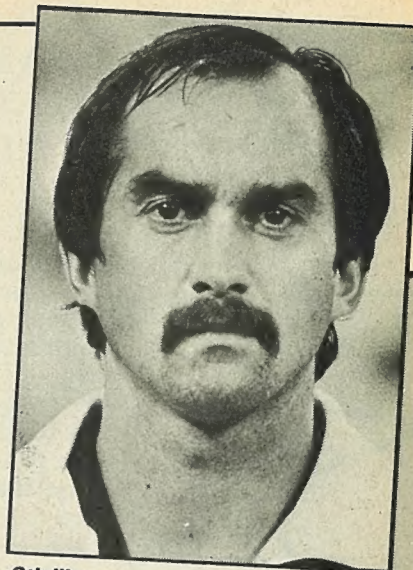


Above: A move from attack to midfield gave Ray Kennedy a settled place in the Liverpool side — and 16 England caps.

Left: Billy Ashcroft — happy now as Middlesbrough's centre-half after making his name as a robust centre-forward.



Medals galore for super Stielike



Stielike — going for the big one!

ULI Stielike, West Germany's star defender in the European Championships, must be the most successful player in Europe.

Last season he pulled off a triple medal winning effort. He won the Spanish League championship with Real Madrid, the Spanish Cup and the

European Championship with West Germany.

Stielike had previously won a West German championship medal and now he says he is going for the big one and a full set — the European Cup with Real Madrid and the World Cup, in Spain, in 1982.



BRAVO MULLER

HANSI Muller (above) has been voted the top player in European Cup competitions for 1980. The elegant VFB Stuttgart midfielder, who was one of the stars of West Germany's European Championship triumph, received the 'Bravo' award from the competition sponsor Guerino Sportivo, the Italian sports magazine. Germany, in fact, carried off all the major awards, including the 'Best team' in the

European Championship and the 'Best player', Cologne's dashing play-maker Bernd Schuster. In our picture: Muller receives his gold award from Miss Italy.

One football club manager is so worried about his team's poor home form — their away record is excellent — that he's insisting his players change in the visitors' dressing room!

No, the club concerned is not Irish — but Argentinian. Reader Martin Anderson of Sunderland wins £2 for sending us this piece of incredible information.

World Cup star disappears

DUTCH international Johnny Rep, one of the survivors of the great Holland team of 1974, has patched up his differences with the Saint-Etienne manager Robert Herbin and decided to stay at the club for the remaining two years of his contract.

Rep, one of Europe's most popular players with the girls, came home from Italy and announced his decision.

The departure of Dominique Rocheteau to Paris means that once again he will be the mainstay of the strike force.

But as soon as he had made his announcement Rep went off on holiday and disappeared — not even reappearing when pre-season training and the official team photos were arranged.

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BRAZILIAN boss Tele Santana has put his finger on his team's problem spot — right wing. The new manager of the three-times world champions thinks the team has too many fine left-sided forwards and needs a right-winger to balance play.

That is why he recently introduced 20-year-old Paulo Isidoro for his debut when the "new Brazil" recently beat Mexico 2-0.

Simonsen wanted

WHO is going to replace Argentinian forward Victor Trossero in the Nantes side if he achieves his ambition and gets a move to Paris or down to Spain?

One suggestion is that Barcelona's unsettled Danish international and former European Footballer of the Year, Allan Simonsen, is on the wanted list.

The agile dribbling Dane has already shown in Germany that he can adapt his style — the only question seems to be about money.

Meanwhile there have been several interesting moves completed in France during the summer.

The most prominent have been Auxerre's signing of the two Polish internationals Szarmach and Wiezorek, Bordeaux's swoop for the brilliant sweeper Tresor from Marseille, Nimes' capture of the Paris St Germain star Bianchi and the Paris club's signing of a replacement in the form of international star Dominique Rocheteau from Saint Etienne.

PRIZE WINNERS AND SOLUTIONS

Winner of the Spot the Difference No. 21 and the cassette radio was Mark White, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. 5 runners-up receive a football: R. V. Bean, Erith, Kent; Frank Rhodes, West Bowling, Bradford 5, West Yorks; Michael Harris, Knowle, Bristol; Tina Gilmour, Stowmarket, Suffolk; J. Hopkinson, South Birdholme, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Solution to Spot the difference No. 21:

1. Extra note out of ref's whistle.
2. Ref has stripes on socks.
3. Another pole on circus tent.
4. Corner flag now black.
5. Extra cloud.
6. Player on right now has beard.
7. Tuft of grass at base of post.
8. Extra chimney.
9. One less seagull.
10. Some smoke missing.

Winners of the Crossword No. 43 and a football were: Steven Austin, Enfield, Middlesex; Steven Fry, Bedminster, Bristol; Carl Haynes, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs; John Brelsford, Millhouses, Sheffield, Yorks; Raymond McPherson, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Solution to crossword No. 43 was:

Across: 1. Shrewsbury Town 7. Mabbutt 9. Hansen 11. Exeter 12. Ayr 13. Real 15. Bristol 16. Beattie 18. Aggro 19. Walsh 21. Don 24. Hird 26. Winger 27. Wednesday 28. Ron.
Down: 1. Stoke 2. Rummenigge 3. Sub 4. Rotherham 5. Turner 6. Wife 8. Brentford 10. Nil 12. Albion 14. Ace 15. Bradshaw 17. Trainer 20. Stein 22. Owls 23. Away 25. Den.

Place the face solution:

- a Eric Gates, Ipswich.
- b John Craggs, Middlesbrough.
- c Paul Miller, Spurs.

WINNER of the Beat the Panel competition which appeared in our December 27-Jan 2 issue and which

asked readers to predict the champions of the four divisions, plus the FA Cup winners, the European Champions and the Scottish Premier Champions, was Alan Vowles, of West Leigh, Havant, Hants. Alan's prize is a £200 music centre.

Touchline solution



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Terry McDermott

talks about the Golden Goal that sent Spurs reeling at White Hart Lane in our regular colour feature.

Chris Hughton

Spurs' classy young full-back is the subject of next week's pull-out action colour poster. It's a great action shot you won't want to miss — whoever you support.

Graham Moseley



Above: Terry McDermott, next week's golden goal-scorer.

The Brighton goalkeeper tells you about the greatest save of his life . . . and he's pictured in colour

Billy Bonds and Phil Thompson

The West Ham and Liverpool skippers talk about their forthcoming Charity Shield clash and who will be the Wembley winners.

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● The league they left behind — top players give their tips for promotion from Division Two. Will you agree with them?

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 Front row: Tony Ford (coach), Bobby Mancur (manager), Archie White, Malcolm Robertson, John Marr, Derek O'Connor, Jim Jefferies, Cammy Fraser, David Scott, Willie Gibson, Paul O'Brien.

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